(c) The various have been provided at (Dabolin) Goa airport for international operations within the existing terminal building. To improve the facilities and augment the additional spaces for international operations, there is a plan for new international terminal building and additional parking stands.

(d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has already initiated action for acquiring additional land from Indian Navy and State Government for expansion of apron and expansion of international terminal building complex. The cost of the works is subject to finalization of technical designs etc.

Information on delay in departure of Aircrafts

3971. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of state of affairs at domestic airports in particularly the departure terminal at New Delhi and Mumbai;

(b) what adequate space and gates for departures has been kept; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether delay in the departure is not intimated to those who have mentioned their Phone numbers, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Operation, Management and Development of IGI Airport, Delhi and CSI Airport, Mumbai have been handed over to Joint Venture Companies namely Delhi International Airport Private Limited and Mumbai International Airport Private Limited respectively to modernise and upgrade the facilities at both airports with effect from 03.05.2006.

(c) Airlines inform their passengers about delay/cancellation of flights etc.

Merger of two private Air carrier operators

3972. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent merger of two private air carrier operators together controlling about 50 percent of the air travel industry market will alter the industry dynamics and lead to cartelisation;